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VENERATION OF THE CROSS: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Epistle: Hebrews (4:14-5:6) Gospel: Mark (8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

TROPARION TONE VII

By Your Cross, You did destroy death! To the thief, You did open Paradise! For the myrrhbearers, You did change weeping into joy! And You did command Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy!

KONTAKION TONE VII

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

TROPARION TONE I

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to all Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

[Matthew 16:24-26](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School - Protinica Karen wants to remind everyone that snacks and drinks have been graciously donated for all students, particularly those who have fasted in the morning in preparation for Holy Communion. If any parents/teachers would like to see other snacks offered to help donate, please let me know and we can organize accordingly.

Family Nights and Adult Bible Study - Will resume after house blessings. Father George will announce when both will reconvene.

Vespers – Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Confession 6:30 p.m.

Visitation - Ann Visnick is in a nursing facility. If you would like to visit or send a card: Ann Visnick, William Penn Personal Care, 1021 Walton Road, Jeannette, PA, 15644, Room 201.

Blessing of Homes - V. Rev. Fr. George has begun blessing homes. Please call him at 412.622.4714 to schedule a visit.

Men's Club – Fish Fry every Friday (4-7 p.m.) through March 30th. The Cake Table will be in operation as well. We will be selling Lenten baked goods from 4 pm to 7 pm every week. If anyone would like to volunteer to either bake, set up, or serve our customers, please contact Janet Tumbas at [412-751-3809](tel:412-751-3809), or jtumbas@gmail.com. All help is welcome, whether it is for one week, or for seven weeks. Proceeds will be used for various church projects. Thank you!

Communication - If you have not provided your email address to receive news & information regarding our St. Nicholas parish - please send an email to borisbajich@gmail.com - please feel free to send email addresses of your friends and family who may also like to receive our news.

Kolo – The Kolo is asking for baked goods for our Posna Vecera on March 18th.

A Very Special Thanks to the Maintenance Committee for all of your on-going hard work and efforts! It is much appreciated.

Spring cleaning - We have obtained a 20' dumpster, and over the next several weeks we will be cleaning out our hall and our outside storage units. In addition to each of our organizations leading/scheduling their individual work efforts, we need assistance in going through everything that remains. Any/all help would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Bati at [816-678-6251](tel:816-678-6251) or borisbajich@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you – I would like to thank all parishioners for their generous and much needed FOCUS donations that helped feed the poor and homeless. Also, thank you for all of the donations that benefitted the DiMatteo family of Monroeville who lost their husband/father, home, and all belongings in a fire. Donations are still being accepting especially during this time of great need.

Important Dates

Tonight - Lenten Vespers will be served at 5:00 p.m. - St. George, Midland, Lecturer - Father Branislav Golic.

Sunday, March 18, 2018 – Posna Vecera

Saturday, March 24th - Senior high school students of our St. Nicholas School and parishioners will be visiting our local monastery, the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery in Saxonburg. We invite ALL faithful interested in visiting to join us. According to their tradition of hospitality, the sisters of the monastery will serve lunch and speak of their life of hesychast (a mystical tradition of prayer in the Orthodox Church) spiritual struggle of purification in prayer, the sacraments and obedience. Please contact Protinica Karen (832)919-0836 as soon as possible if you wish to attend so that the sisters may prepare for our visit.

Sunday, March 25th – Please plan to stay for our quarterly parish meeting. A delicious lunch will be prepared by the Tammies.

There will be no Presanctified Liturgy service this Wednesday evening. Father George will be attending a seminar in Aliquippa.

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Important Dates - Monday, February 19, 2018 – The Beginning of Great Lent

Tonight – Lenten Vespers begin tonight at St. Sava in McKeesport beginning at 5:00 p.m. Lecturer: Fr. Rade Merick